

Art and Architectural Review Board

***Draft Minutes**

August 7, 2015

Virginia War Memorial

621 S Belvidere Street

Richmond, VA 23220

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:00am

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Pinnock

Recommend Approval of Minutes from the July 2015 AARB Meeting

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 VCCS – Tidewater Community College – Demolition of four Greenhouses

Comments: DHR wants to review

2.2 VCU – Demolition of three story, brick masonry apartment building

DHR does not object to the demolition but want the opportunity to review the plans for any future development. There are no current development plans for the property but we are certainly willing to involve DHR in the review of any future development.

Comments: DHR has no objection

2.3 VCU – Rice Center - Demolition of dining hall

The Department of Historic Resources has determined that this structure is non-contributing to the potentially eligible Charles City County Rural Historic District and is not eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and therefore they have no concern with the demolition of this structure.

Comments: DHR has no objection

2.4 Department of General Services – Governor’s Mansion Flag poles

Request to add One 18’ tall brushed aluminum flagpole with two 3’x5 flags at front of Governor’s Mansion outside wall.

Bob Mills abstained from voting on this project

Comments: DHR has no objection

2.5 George Mason University – Sprint antenna move at the Fenwick Library

Remove 6 existing antennas, 6 mounts and 6 RRHs from the penthouse walls.

Install 6 wall mounted antennas as shown on attached drawings.

Redirect cable tray to new antenna locations and terminate cable to antennas and RRHs. Install grounding to antennas, RRHs and mounts. The current location of the Sprint equipment does not provide Sprint service to students, faculty, staff and visitors to the George Mason University campus

Comments: DHR has received this project for review.

2.6 Virginia Tech – Relocation of Modular Building

Request to relocate a double wide trailer from the existing Southgate Dairy Science complex to the Kentland Farm in Montgomery County, at a site near the recently completed Dairy Science complex at Kentland Farm. Previously this office-use double wide trailer was slated and approved for demolition as part of the demolition of (48) buildings at the existing Southgate Dairy Science complex. However, the farm has identified a need for office space supporting the new Dairy Science facilities, and this trailer will serve that function at its proposed new location.

Comments: DHR has no objection

2.7 CNU – Turf Field Stadium Bleachers

Provide new pre-engineered aluminum bleachers to seat approximately 1175 spectators, including provisions for accessibility. The bleachers will be mill finish aluminum to resemble the existing bleachers on the opposite field side. The new bleachers will incorporate a new ramp and accessible stairs.

Comments: Project to be reviewed by DHR.

2.8 Department of General Services – Capitol Square ADA Access Entry Improvement

This project addresses renovating the Capitol Square northeast entry gate into an ADA accessible entry. This entry is located across from the Patrick Henry building and provides public access to the Governor’s Mansion guard house. The proposed ADA walkway is designed to match the appearance of the existing ADA walkway on the west end of Capitol Square that enters from the General Assembly Building and ends near the Washington Equestrian Statue.

Comments: DHR should review this project.

2.9 VDOT – GRTC Bus Rapid Transit Project – Willow Lawn Station (only)

The conceptual design that was selected for this project recognizes that the BRT route travels through many historic areas within the City of Richmond and the stations themselves will be located within sight of many historic structures. In addition, GRTC

aims for the stations to complement the historic architecture and integrate with the city fabric while acknowledging the James River and the storied transit past of the city. The historic structures within the city offered many ideas for materials, however, based on the need for highly durable structures to meet FTA guidelines, the design team along with GRTC, focused on a few specific materials.

Comments: Project being reviewed by DHR

2.10 Department of General Services – Renovation of the 9 Street Office Building

New Streetscape: The condition of the existing sidewalk and street trees have deteriorated significantly and are in need of rehabilitation. We propose new streetscape and trees. Bollards are proposed as vehicle barriers and will be located at the corner of Grace and 9th Streets. Concrete planters are also proposed as vehicle barriers at the corner. **Flag Poles:** OAG has requested two new flagpoles to be installed above and flanking the 9th Street building entrance. These poles will be 14-feet in length and mounted to the back of the lower parapet above the entrance. **West Alley:** The building tenant (OAG) has requested some security features be added to the West Alley, including a card access vehicle gate to provide secured access for the Attorney General's vehicle, and a fence along the west boundary of the property to provide secured parking in the alley. **Vehicle Gate:** This gate will be card access to allow secured parking for the Attorney General. **Alley Fence:** The fence will be mounted to the concrete slab within the alley. At 12-feet overall height, approximately 4-feet of picket fencing will be visible above the top of the existing brick masonry wall.

Bob Mill abstained from voting on this project

Comments: DHR has no objection

Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.10 with comments.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 VCCS – Virginia Western Community College

The proposed new building for Virginia Western Community College (VWCC) is for Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The building is to be a highly visible and iconic building that will transform the College. The manifestation of the building program results in a four-story building which includes chemistry labs, a biotechnology lab, several engineering labs (electronics, mechatronics, fabrication), computer labs, classrooms, offices, student spaces, and other core building functions. Approximately 20% of the roof area will be covered by a penthouse at the 5th level. The proposed STEM Building will be approximately 73,600 GSF

Bob Mills abstained from voting on this project.

Comments: Building is a unifying building. Consider landscape design to bring it all together and unify campus. Consider removing "STEM" signage from building.

Consider removing punched window openings in vertical brick fields.

Building has landed in the middle of campus - placement is a little awkward relative to organization of campus structures. Seeing the masterplan would be helpful. The intention of the roof is to be strong architectural statement. Board asks that agency bring campus masterplan, revised building elevations landscape masterplan and more information regarding the roof design intent.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

Approval of conceptual design with comments. Agency to return with requested additional information.

3.2 Department of Veterans' Services – War Memorial Expansion Offices and Parking

Due to budget constraints, the office wing portion of the building (not the Shrine itself) is being changed to cast stone masonry veneer instead of limestone panel. This will result in a tighter joint pattern. The owner does not require it to match the Phase 2 wing exactly, but we are looking at cast stone color samples to be compatible. It helps that the north entry and lobby space physically separates the two wings and breaks the long run of façade we would have otherwise.

Discussion Items for final AARB review: Images included in this submission have been narrowed down to primarily discuss the north and east facades as they relate to comments received at the previous AARB submission. The South façade is the Shrine and other than now becoming open air, the architecture has not changed since previous submission.

Comments: Board is pleased that the existing rotunda will remain the main entrance of the building and that the new entry in this addition will be subordinate.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Pinnock

Final approval. Agency will return with materials and if there are significant changes. DHR will be scheduling a site visit

3.3 University of Mary Washington – Addition and Renovation to Jepson Science Center

***Previously submitted on October 2014 with the following comments: Simplify the materials used. Use more contextual materials seen on other campus buildings.**

Reconsider the metal paneling, on the roof screening and down the sides of the building. Reevaluate entry sequence, pedestrian paving on the College Avenue side and at the Campus Courtyard. Department of Historic Resources would like to continue to work with the agency. Conditional approval with comments. Agency to return.

Three story, 42,000 sf addition to the Jepson Science Building located on the University of Mary Washington Campus. The project contains laboratory, classroom, faculty offices and support spaces. A series of phased renovations will provide needed improvements

to much of the interior of the existing building.

Bob Mills abstained from voting on this project.

Comments: Consider tipping mechanical screening on all sides to look more like part of the roof. At side entry, drop roof at connector to a lower height between parapets to make more subordinate. Reconsider columns. Reconsider the use of tall columns on end of building facing roadway. Engage columns to curtain wall and do not project out from building. Simplify lintels over windows. Do not use key stones. Consider using square profile rather than round. Be cautious of being too literal with matching details of older, historic building on campus.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Pinnock

Final approval subject to bringing in changes based on board comments.

3.4 Department of Conservation and Recreation – Widewater State Park

Provide several building facilities for the new Widewater State Park located in Stafford County, Virginia.

Comments: Make ADA ramp smaller/simpler/shorter at ranger house residence. DHR will need to review the EPA report.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval subject to comments.

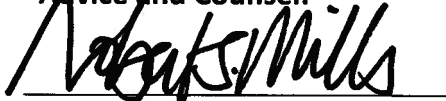
4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, September 4th.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB

Advice and Counsel:



Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID

Chairman

Art and Architectural Review Board

 9/3/15

Date

Approved as the


Governor's Designee:



Richard F. Sliwoski, P.E.

Director

Department of General Services

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Virginia
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